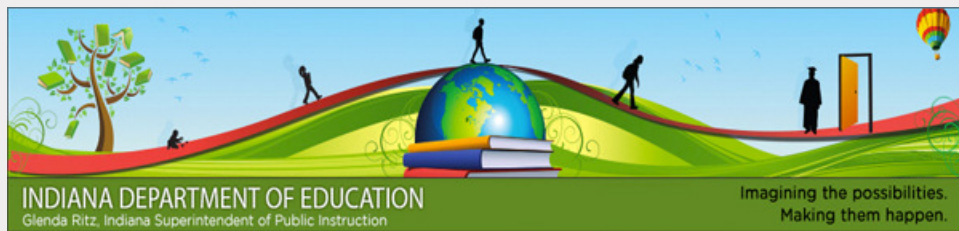


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Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz August 29, 2016

As a lifelong educator, I know that keeping our children safe and healthy is a responsibility that our schools take very seriously. No student can learn unless they are safe.

That is why I announced today that the Department is expanding the services it provides to local schools and law enforcement. We will also continue to work with the legislature to strengthen Indiana laws in the upcoming legislative session to protect our students. You can read an outline of our plan in [today's press release](#).

As some may have heard, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy recently announced the recipients of the 2014 & 2015 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. I am proud to announce that four of the teachers that were selected are from Indiana. The awardees of math are Martin Briggs from Crichfield Elementary School and Michael Spock from Columbus North High School. The awardees of science are Kristen Poindexter from Spring Mill Elementary School and Hugh Ross from Guerin Catholic High School.



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Congratulations to these outstanding educators.

Last week, I released a quarterly video message to [Hoosier families](#) and to [educators](#). In 2014, the Department pledged to increase communication with parents of Hoosier students through a quarterly message. The back-to-school message that was released focused on the Department's upcoming budget priorities, which includes funding high-quality pre-K and a student-centered assessment system. The message also provides an update on Indiana's ESSA plan and the Department's literacy initiative the Hoosier Family of Readers.

Finally, the Department of Education's booth at the Indiana State Fair was an enormous success. We gave away over 17,000 books to Hoosier students that visited over the course of the fair. I want to thank Vincennes University, Indy Reads and Discover Books who provided many of the books that were distributed.

Have a great week!

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Indiana Superintendent of Public
Instruction



ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

Although ESSA does not go into effect until the 2017/2018 school year, there are new provisions pertaining to the McKinney-Vento Act that go into effect October 1st of this year. Some of the new or changed requirements focus on removing enrollment barriers; the dispute resolution process; and the transportation of homeless students. For more information, you can find the U.S. Department of Education's guidance on this topic [on their website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

IDOE Memoranda

NEW - EL Plan Memo Due to ESSA's requirements for each state to include progress for English learners in its statewide accountability system, the Indiana Department of Education is proactively updating its technical assistance. Please see the [attached memo](#) regarding the submission of district-wide English Learner Plans as well as opportunities to receive technical assistance. **Plans are due by October 1, 2016** to adietrich@doe.in.gov. LEAs that apply for Title III do not need to submit anything further. The submission of English Learner Plans during this year of transition will allow the Department and LEAs to prepare for the 2017-2018 school year when ESSA fully takes effect to address accountability and funding requirements. Please reach out with any questions or concerns at (317) 233-0786 or adietrich@doe.in.gov.

NEW - 21st Century Community Learning Centers The 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative is federally funded and supports more than 200 out of school time program sites and 22,000 children in Indiana. This year's grant application cycle begins on August 22nd with the release of the RFP. Interested participants **must indicate an intent to apply by September 23, 2016**. Technical Assistance will be provided to support programs in the completion of the grant application. Please see <http://www.doe.in.gov/21stcclc> for the RFP and resources regarding application.

NEW - Career and Technical Innovation and Advancement Funds The Department is distributing the Career and Technical Innovation and Advancement funds on behalf of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The funds should be receipted into Fund 3749 Career and Technical Performance Grant and Receipt Account 3293. Questions regarding the accounting of the funds should be directed to Amy Pattison, APattison@doe.in.gov or Melissa Ambre, mambre@doe.in.gov. Questions regarding the grant funds should be directed to Chris Deaton, CDeaton@dwd.in.gov

Designating Test Coordinator Each school year, Superintendents and Nonpublic/Charter/Choice School Principals are asked to designate one person as the main point-of-contact to receive assessment-related information and updates. This staff member is known as the **Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC)**. Your CTC is the key to ensuring receipt of accurate, specific, and up-to-date details regarding Indiana assessment programs. **Please designate your CTC by Friday, September 2, 2016.** Please refer to the following documents for more information:

- [Memorandum](#)
- [DOE Online Directions](#)
- [Assessment Roles, Responsibilities](#)

ISTEP+ Grade 10 Rescore Information The rescore window for ISTEP+ Grade 10 English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments is September 2-16, 2016. Please refer to the following [memorandum](#) for more information.

Textbook Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17 Please submit the "Summary of Costs and Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17 School Textbook Material Costs and Eligible Student Counts" and student level data electronically between September 30 and October 31, 2016. Beginning this year, the Department will accept submissions of the signed claim form electronically. The Department will no longer accept hard copy information. Information on the submission process can be

found in the textbook layout in the Data Collection and Reporting Community of the Learning Connection. Attached are the [Public School Memorandum](#), the [Non-Public School Memorandum](#), the [Public School Claim Form](#) and the [Non-Public School Claim Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Ambre at mambre@doe.in.gov.

Staff Performance Evaluation Plan Submission Legal Standard 12 requires each public school corporation school to provide a copy of its entire staff performance evaluation plan to the Indiana Department of Education. The evaluation plans must be submitted through DOE Online for Accreditation Legal Standard 12 by September 15, 2016. Charter schools submit their staff performance evaluation plans via email to charterevaluation@doe.in.gov. For additional information, [please see the attached memorandum](#). Submissions must include a completed [IDOE Evaluation Plan Submission Coversheet 2016-2017](#) (attached). Contact Caitlin Beatson at cbeatson@doe.in.gov with questions

Back-to-School Teachers' Toolbox The [August issue of the Teachers' Toolbox](#) is now available. Filled with instructional resources for educators, this issue has curated content for educators at any level or subject area.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Student Achievement Plan (SAP) Submission Per P.L. 221, all Indiana public schools must annually submit a school improvement plan. School Improvement Plans (SIP) for SY 16-17 will be due October 1, 2016. For Focus/Priority Schools, Student Achievement Plans (SAP) are also due October 1, 2016. Please see the [attached memorandum](#) for further guidance for schools to submit the SIP/SAP through DOE Online or [AdvancED](#).

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Professional Development

NEW - Indiana School Social Worker Association Fall Conference is having a fall conference celebrating their 20th anniversary on September 23, 2016 in Greenwood. The conference will include workshops, keynote speakers and opportunities for networking. More information can be found on the [INSSWA website](#).

NEW - Indiana State Fair, The Barns Learning Initiative, "2nd Grade Ag Field Day": Second grade participants will be educated about the importance of agriculture; from the food they consume to the clothes they wear. Educational demonstrations and activities will have students explore agricultural products and importance of food production. Indiana has the great privilege to host the National FFA Conference. FFA members from across the country will be participating in the conference, in honor of FFA National Days of Service. October 20th or 21st Register [Here](#).

NEW - Schoolhouse News, from the Indiana Association of School Principals is full of timely, pertinent information to keep you up to date and informed regarding educational matters around the state. www.iasp.org/shn/08.26.16.pdf

Writing Pathways to Disciplinary Learning Participants will leave at the end of the day with "writing to learn" activities and an assignment design that they can implement in their courses and perhaps even during the Fall '16 semester. The focus of the conference will be on writing in

the discipline with an emphasis on the connection among writing, critical thinking and reading. [More information can be found in the brochure.](#)

UPDATED - Ball State Field Trips has created a [free iPad app](#) and live television broadcast for students across Indiana to help them learn more about Indiana's bicentennial celebration. They have also created lesson plans for educators. Learn more on the website for [Ball State Field Trips](#).

National Career Pathways Network Conference The NCPN conference (Oct 5-7) is in Indianapolis this year and will offer a full day of preconference workshops on Career Pathways, CTE, business-education partnerships, and other important topics. [More information can be found on their website.](#)

Indiana School Counselor Regional Workshops Information regarding the registration for school counselor regional workshops has been posted on the Department's website. Those interested in registering will be asked to complete a short survey before being directed to the registration page. More information can be found in the [attached memorandum on School Counselor Workshops](#).

Bicentennial during the 2016-2017 school year, 4th Graders, This is a great opportunity for 4th Grade Classrooms during the first school semester. The Indiana State House Tour Office, in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book, holds an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day each year. Indiana's 200th birthday is December 11, 2016. Winners of the essay contest are honored at a Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, please visit the [Bicentennial website](#).

National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) 2016 National Conference in Louisville, KY. October 16-18, 2016, Louisville, KY For Information please visit the [NACEP website](#).

Indiana State Library's INSPIRE Digital Literacy

Resource, [INSPIRE](#) has licensed TeachingBooks.net - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for INSPIRE Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. For more information about this resource, visit [the Teaching Books website](#).

Indiana Education Service Centers offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
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Information from Other Agencies

NEW - Happy Birthday Indiana The Indiana State Library is encouraging fourth grade students from around the state to tap into their creativity and be part of a special "Happy Birthday, Indiana" manuscript collection. This collection will examine Indiana history through a child's perspective and will be preserved for future generations at the Indiana State Library. More information can be found on the [Indiana State Library's website](#).

#KickRxAbuse Challenge The Indiana Attorney General is inviting students to participate in a video challenge to combat prescription drug abuse. [More information is available on the AG's website](#).

Dear Indiana School Teachers: It is "Back to School" time, start off the year with a memorable educational fieldtrip to the 2016 Indiana State Fair. The Indiana State Fair Fieldtrips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. New this year, educators will be able to create a unique self-guided fieldtrip experience by selecting from participating exhibits at the Fair. Educators will be equipped with activities and ideas that can build upon the students' exploration and interaction at the Indiana State Fair. Fieldtrips require pre-registration and 15 or more students to participate. Learn more at the [Indiana State Fair Website](#).

[This week on The Friday Zone](#) - Motivational speaker and family comedian Brad Tassell is back to share some fun with kids. Plus, take a spin on a crazy carousel at the IU Science Open House. The Friday Zone is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times. [Get free PBS KIDS app cards](#) by completing our viewer survey at [fridayzone.org](#).

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